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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO TOKYO

FOR SECDEF SCHLESINGER FROM AMBASSADOR HODGSON

REF: STATE 156725

1. THIS IS IN REPLY TO YOUR RECENT MESSAGE ABOUT LATE AUGUST VISIT TO JAPAN. REPLY HHAS BEEN SLOWED BY THE TIE-UP OF GOJ OFFICIALS IN HECTIC PRE-ADJOURNMENT DAYS OF DIET. I NOW HAVE ANSWER AND IT IS DEFINITE AFFIRMATIVE. BOTH DEFMIN AND FONMIN HAVE SPECIFICALLY ENDORESED THE VISIT AS PROPOSED BY YOU.

2. BY DISCUSSIONS WITH FONMIN AND DEFMIN SHOWED CLEAR PREFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE YOUR VISIT HERE AS FOLLOWS: TO WITHHOLD OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR CONTEMPLATED TRIP UNTIL PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 6. BY THIS TIMING, YOUR DECISION TO VISIT JAPAN CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH PRIME MINISTER'S DISCUSSIONS WITH HE PRESIDENT. ADVANTAGES OF THIS PROCEDURE ARE THAT IT WOULD PUT THE FORCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER BEHIND THE VISIT. IT ALSO WOULD PROVIDE A WAY TO DISPOSE OF SUBJECT OF MILITARY SECURITY BY PRINCIPALS INVOLVED IN THE MIKI VISIT AND COULD BE CITED AS A POSITIVE ACHIEVEMENT OF THAT VISIT.

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SERVICE REPORT, DATELINED WASHINGTON, ATTRIBUTING TO UNNAMED SOURCES THERE THAT YOU QTE ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA FROM LATE AUGUST TO EARLY SEPTEMBER UNQTE. I HOPE NOT, BUT THIS REPORT MAY MKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO POSTPONE ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR VISIT UNTIL EARLY AUGUST. IF SO, SUGGEST DOD AND STATE COORDINATE EARLY OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE IN WASHINGTON, SEOUL AND TOKYO. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT TO ROK AND JAPAN BE MADE AT SAME TIME. JAPAN VISIT WOULD SUFFER IF PRESENTED AS AN AFTER-THOUGHT TO PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED VISIT TO ROK.

3. REPEAT: PROPOSED DATES, SEQUENCES AND MEETINGS HERE AS SET FORTH IN YOUR MESSAGE HAVE GOJ APPROVAL.  
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